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Saint Louis Oct 22d 1807.

Sir,

It has been thought desirable to make two equipments of Indian Goods for the purpose of trade; — the one at River Le Moine, the other at Prairie du Chien. — Since the exclusion of the British traders, it appears to me, to be incumbent on us, to make the supplies, both as a matter of policy and justice.

Mr. Tillier concurs in the arrangement, — will furnish the merchandize from the factory, and his assistant Mr. Sibley it is expected, will manage one of the outfits — Mr. Boilvin, the other. —

Will it be convenient to lend us your aid in this business? — Will my receipt be a good voucher for Provisions? — and will it be in your power to detach six soldiers, to protect these establishments? —

I shall feel myself obliged.

to you, for information on these subjects by the bearer hereof. — He takes with him a Cart, and if they can be furnished on my order, will bring down three barrels of Flour, as the Biscuits can be more conveniently baked here than at Camp — A regular Return shall be given

I have the honor to be
very respectfully, Sir,
your most obed.t Servant
Frederick Weiss

Col.o Thos. Hunt
Comd.t 1st Reg.t

Bates's Letter to Col.
Hunt Oct. 22d 1807